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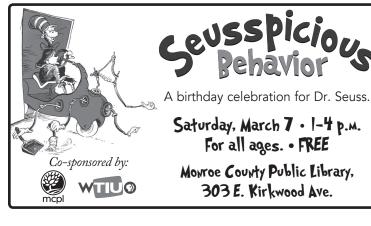
For more information, contact the Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department at 812-349-3700 or visit us at bloomington.in.gov/parks. Register at bloomington.in.gov/parks or stop by the office at City Hall, 401 N. Morton St., Suite 250.



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Inclusive approach to recreation: All City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation programs are inclusive to people with and without disabilities. Please contact our Inclusive Recreation Coordinator for more details: Amy Shrake, CTRS, 812-349-3747 or shrakea@bloomington.in.gov.







Children under age 12 yrs. must be accompanied by a registered adult.

#### Winter Backyard Birding

Winter can be a great time for backyard bird watching. Learn about the easy ways to attract birds to your yard and how to identify avian visitors. Backyard bird observations can be submitted to the Great Backyard Bird Count, a global effort to document bird distribution and abundance. Participants will have the opportunity to create and take home simple feeders made from recyclables. Instructor: Anna Rossler

Sa 2/7 • 11 a.m.-noon • Register by 1/30 • 14006-A \$7/in-city, \$8/non-city • For all ages. Lower Cascades Park, 2851 N. Old State Rd. 37

#### **Winter Woods Tree ID**

Don't let a lack of leaves keep you from identifying the trees on your next hike. Learn how bark, branches, and buds hold the keys to unlocking the names of trees in the winter woods. Dress warmly and be prepared for a moderate hike. Instructor: Derek Greene

Sa 2/21 • 1-2 p.m. • Register by 2/18 • 14002-A \$5/in-city, \$6/non-city • For all ages. Winslow Woods Park, 2120 S. Highland Ave. **Playground Shelter** 

#### Maple Syrup Made Easy

A maple tree is all it takes to experience the sweetness of homemade maple syrup. During this hands-on workshop, discuss tree identification, equipment, collection, and sugaring techniques, and learn the history of maple syrup and sugar. Take-home instructions are supplied, along with a taste of the final product in multiple forms. This class is held outdoors, so please dress accordingly. Instructor: Elizabeth Tompkins

Sa 2/28 • 10:30 a.m.-noon • Register by 2/17 • 14010-A \$6/in-city, \$7/non-city • For all ages. RCA Community Park, 1400 W. RCA Park Dr.



Build self-confidence, develop self-discipline and learn how to defend yourself. Tae kwon do teaches all of these things and more. Instructor: Steve Scott, Monroe County Martial Arts **Tuesdays and Thursdays** \$50/in-city, \$55/non-city • For ages 6-15 yrs.

Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St. Class does not meet 3/17 or 3/19.

#### **Beginning Youth**

6-6:45 p.m. White belts only. 1/13-2/26 • Register by 1/8 • 17501-A 3/3–4/23 • Register by 2/26 • 17501-B

#### Intermediate Youth

March 2015

Register by 3/9.

6:45–7:30 p.m. Yellow belt and above. 1/13-2/26 • Register by 1/8 • 17502-A 3/3-4/23 • Register by 2/26 • 17502-B

## Break Days

Summer fun ... when school's out!

#### = Break Day!

Stay active during school breaks with Break Days presented by Bloomington Parks and Recreation and MCCSC.

Spend your break days hanging out with your friends, exploring the city and IU campus on field trips, staying physically active playing sports and games, and getting in touch with nature!

Break Days are inclusive, serving camp-ready children with and without disabilities. Scholarships for Break Days are available through the Bloomington Parks Foundation. The deadline to apply for Break Days scholarships is one week prior to the registration deadline. For more information about scholarships, call 812-349-3700 or e-mail parks@bloomington.in.gov.

Binford Elementary School, 2300 E. Second St. 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Break Days are for students in grades K-6.

Registration fee is \$35/student/day, and includes all snacks, field trips, etc. for the entire day. Lunch is not provided.

Online registration is not available for Break Days. To register, visit bloomington.in.gov/kidcity to download the registration and health forms. Register in person at the Bloomington Parks and Recreation office.

For more information, contact Amy Shrake at 812-349-3747 or e-mail shrakea@bloomington.in.gov.

Register online at bloomington.in.gov/parks.



Designed for the beginning through advanced player, this league focuses on responsible competition, including skill building and a complete understanding of the game. Several levels of play are offered, ranging from tee ball to fastpitch for players ages 4–15 yrs. Each player receives a full competition-quality uniform. This league is instructed and overseen by certified youth sports professionals, ensuring a quality experience for all players and parents. Players can play up, or in more than one league, with the approval of league commissioner. Please note special requests for team placements (e.g. on the same team as friends) on the registration form. We make every attempt to accommodate special requests.

Games are played mostly on weekdays with the possibility of some weekend games. Participants play one to two games a week with one practice per week.

 $\$80/\text{in-city}, \$90/\text{non-city} \bullet \text{Days}, \text{dates}, \text{times}, \text{and locations TBD}$ 

For more information, contact Jeigh Hockersmith at 812-349-3774 or hockersj@bloomington.in.gov.

Player's age as of Jan. 1, 2015	League:	Registration code:	Registration deadline:	Team placement/player assessment day at Twin Lakes Recreation Center* Wear comfortable clothes, non-metal cleats, and bring your gear.	Duration of league:
6 yrs. and under Born 2008–2010	Intro League Coach Pitch/Tee ball (6U)	17201-A	4/2	Saturday, April 4, 10–11 a.m.	4/11–7/17
8 yrs. and under Born 2006–2007	Mid-Minor League Coach Pitch (8U)	17201-B	4/2	Saturday, April 4, 11 a.m.–noon	4/11–7/17
10 yrs. and under Born 2004–2005	Minor League Player Pitch (10U)	17201-C	4/2	Saturday, April 4, noon–12:45 p.m.	4/11–7/17
12 yrs. and under Born 2002–2003	Mid-Major League Player Pitch (12U)	17201-D	4/2	Saturday, April 4, 12:45–1:30 p.m.	4/11–7/17
14 yrs. and under Born 2000–2001	Major League Player Pitch (14U)	17201-E	4/2	Saturday, April 4, 1:30–2:15 p.m.	4/11–7/17

\*Meet on the turf field. If you cannot attend during these times, contact Jeigh Hockersmith at 812-349-3774 or hockersj@bloomington.in.gov to discuss your player's playing ability and/or a make-up time. The Twin Lakes Recreation Center is located at 1700 W. Bloomfield Rd.

#### Coaches wanted!

For more information about volunteering to coach, contact Special Services Coordinator

Kim Ecenbarger at 812-349-3739. Selected coaches are strongly encouraged to attend the coaches meeting immediately following player evaluations at the Twin Lakes Recreation Center on Saturday, April 4. We will discuss rules, league placement, and practice progression/techniques. If you cannot attend, please contact Jeigh Hockersmith to go over information discussed at the meeting. All selected coaches must complete an annual online coaching certification course from either the National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA) or the Amateur Softball Association (ASA). The certification fee is \$20. Scholarships are available to offset expenses associated with the online training. For more information, contact Jeigh Hockersmith at 812-349-3774 or hockersj@bloomington.in.gov.

#### **Fastpitch Pitching Clinic**

The Bloomington Girls Softball League is offering a pitching clinic open to girls ages 8–14 yrs. During this four-week program, girls advance through different skills associated with becoming an accurate pitcher. Participants must provide their own catcher. Space is limited to 10 pitchers per age group.

*Ages 8–10 yrs. w/parent:* M 2/16–3/9 • 6–7 p.m. • Register by 2/13 • 17202-A *Ages 11–14 yrs. w/parent:* M 2/16–3/9 • 7–8 p.m. • Register by 2/13 • 17202-B

\$40 • Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.

#### **Future Stars**

Preparing for higher levels of play or trying out for a high school softball team can be a complicated time for players and parents. Future Stars is designed to get players and parents to slow down, take a breath and approach these situations with clarity, proper planning and realistic expectations. Future Stars is a training program run by professionals, is completely player-focused, and designed specifically for the player. This program begins at the conclusion of Bloomington Girls Softball league play and meets twice per week for two weeks. **Participation is free, open to all age groups, and open to Bloomington Girls Softball players only.** 

 $Tu, Th~7/21-7/30 \bullet 6-7:30~p.m. \bullet FREE \bullet Register~by~7/17 \bullet 17203-A \bullet Lower~Cascades~Park, 2851~N.~Old~State~Rd.~37, ball~fields~and the contraction of the contract$ 

## FRANK SOUTHERN ICE ARENA, 2100 S. HENDERSON ST. Ice Information Hotline: 812-349-3741

### **PUblic Skating Sessions**Rink season runs through March 7.

Monday-Friday: Noon-2:30 p.m. Friday: 7-9 p.m. Saturday: 1-2:30 p.m.

7-9 p.m. (Lunar Skating) 9:15-11 p.m. (Night Owl)

Sunday: 3–5 p.m.

General Admission: \$6 Skate Rental: \$3 New Skate Sharpening: \$10

Skate Sharpening: \$5 and \$6 (immediate service)
Economy Pass: \$54 (10 sessions, excludes skate rental)

All sessions subject to change or cancellation.

### PARTY ROOM RENTALS

Rent the rinkside party room for your next birthday, holiday, company party, or just for a group of friends. Call 812-349-3762 for more information or to make a reservation

#### **LUNAR PUBLIC SKATING**

Skate in a specially lit, lunar-like arena while listening to the best hits of the '80s, '90s and today courtesy of the Arena's super-watt sound system. Groups of all sizes and skaters of all ability levels are welcome!

Saturdays, October 10-March 7 7-9 p.m. • For all ages. \$6 admission, \$3 skate rental Lunar Skating involves the use of

strobe and other special effect lighting.

